

Remarks

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled. Applicants have added new claims 19-44. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the Specification as originally filed, and in particular, page 11, line 1 through page 14, line 10.

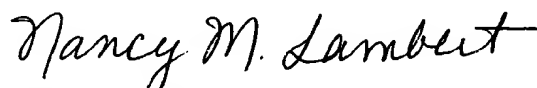
Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 63-154781 to Hoescht. Applicants have canceled claims 1-18. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot. Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the arguments offered herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's grounds for objection and rejection are overcome and respectfully solicit reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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